

REMARKS

This is supplemental to the Amendment filed on May 26, 2009. The intent of a portion of claim 3 is clarified. This is a non-narrowing amendment. No new matter is introduced by this Amendment. Claims 1-3 and 7-15 remain in the application. Applicants rely upon their Amendment filed May 26, 2009 for their response to the Office Action of February 24, 2009.

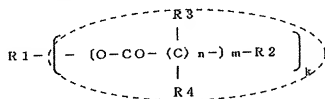
Discussion

The present Amendment clarifies certain language in the definition of structural formula (2) in claim 3. The former claim language

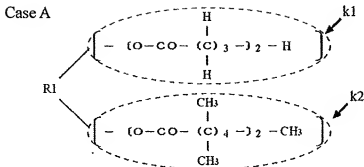
when “k” is 2 or more, “k” pieces of group structures (that is, “k” represents an integer of 2 to 10; “k” represents an integer of 1 to 10; when “k” is 2 or more, “k” pieces of ns, ms, R²s, R³s, and R⁴s) may be the same or different from each other

was intended to indicate that when “k” is 2 or more in formula (2), substituent groups that are attached to group R¹ shown e.g. in the following portion formula (2) – the part surrounded by a dashed line – may be the same as or different from one another.

General formula(2)



For instance, when k is 2, one k may be referred to as k1 and the other k may be referred to as k2. Illustrative Cases A and B which follow are examples of what is intended by the claim language in question: as Case A, in embodiment k1, R² = R³ = R⁴ = H, n = 3, m = 2, and in embodiment k2, R² = R³ = R⁴ = CH₃, n = 4, m = 2; as Case B, in embodiment k1, R² = R³ = R⁴ = H, n = 3, m = 2, and in embodiment k2, R² = R³ = R⁴ = H, n = 3, m = 2. That is, in Case B, all k embodiments are the same, while in Case A, certain embodiments of k – depicted in the portion of formula (2) within the large brackets – differ from each other in structure. Illustrative Case A is depicted in the following sketch.



Applicants respectfully submit that the current claim language – “when ‘k’ is 2 or more, the variables R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , n, and m may be the same or different from each other” – clarifies the intended situation with respect to the “k” variable and the embodiments which it designates.

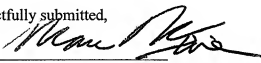
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